

he can retire with the comfort of knowing that it is well-earned.

HONORING SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to salute my departing colleague and dear friend from Louisiana, Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON.

It has been a sheer pleasure to serve for the past 18 years with BENNETT JOHNSTON. Since the time I came to the U.S. Senate in 1979, I have always admired BENNETT's determination and rugged individualism. BENNETT JOHNSTON possesses many of the qualities that make this institution great, not the least of which is his ability to compromise.

Some have called him the master of compromise. I, for one, have always admired his ability to work both sides of the aisle. And as we all know too well, a willingness to look past partisan differences is something of precious commodity in the Senate these days.

Whether it was oil and gas price deregulation, the Supercollider, the Tongass National Forest, or nuclear waste disposal, BENNETT always delved deep into the heart of the matter regardless of how complex or controversial. While we may not have always agreed on the issues, I have always known I could rely on him, time and again, for his wise and fair counsel. And, I did.

For over two decades BENNETT JOHNSTON has been a dedicated public servant to the great State of Louisiana. As the Nation moves toward the new millennium, his service to this body and this country will not be forgotten.

I salute BENNETT JOHNSTON, and Pat and I wish him all the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BILL BRADLEY

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the senior Senator from New Jersey, BILL BRADLEY, who will be retiring at the end of this Congress. Senator BRADLEY and I were elected to Congress in the same year, 1978, and it has been a great pleasure and an honor to have served three terms in the Senate with him.

Senator BRADLEY has distinguished himself as a thoughtful and outspoken leader on the issues of tax reform, education, community revitalization and crime reduction. He has also been a vocal critic of wasteful Government spending. Senator BRADLEY and I share a keen interest in fiscal responsibility and concerns about the impact of the debt and deficit situation on our Nation's future. I was pleased to have the opportunity to work closely with Senator BRADLEY on line-item veto legislation. A form of this legislation was signed into law this year and I believe it is a crucial step toward eliminating

wasteful spending and keeping us on the path of deficit reduction.

I commend BILL BRADLEY for his hard work in the Senate and his contribution to our Nation. I expect that he will continue to participate in the debate over important public policy issues. Pat and I wish him success in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ALAN SIMPSON

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I rise today to say a few words regarding the retirement of the senior Senator from Wyoming, our own ALAN SIMPSON. It all came back to me last evening when my neighboring State Senator came by a reception honoring me, adding his usual good humor and sincerity.

ALAN SIMPSON was first elected to the Senate in the same year as me and I have been honored to serve in this body with him for the past 18 years. Senator SIMPSON has served the people of Wyoming through his hard work and dedicated efforts in matters of importance to his constituents and the American people. I am sure he will be missed by the people of Wyoming and his colleagues in the Senate.

Through his service on the Judiciary Committee, ALAN SIMPSON has been the Senate's leading force in reforming our immigration laws. His common sense approach to immigration reform has been vital to cracking down on illegal immigration. The highlight of the 1986 reform bill was a provision which made it unlawful for an employer to hire an illegal immigrant. For many years, I worked to place into law another common sense measure to prohibit illegal immigrants from receiving Federal benefits and I appreciate Senator SIMPSON's support of my efforts.

Despite his moderate and bipartisan approach, Senator SIMPSON has been the target of criticism from groups on both sides of the immigration issue. ALAN SIMPSON's willingness to push forward in the face of strong opposition from many tells a lot about how seriously he takes his position as a public servant. Without his determination, I doubt we would have been able this year to adopt such a strong, yet fair, bill to crack down on illegal immigration with such overwhelming bipartisan support. This legislation will serve as yet another testament to Senator SIMPSON's dedicated efforts to bring illegal immigration under control.

ALAN SIMPSON, while always fighting for what he felt was right and never being shy about speaking up, will also surely be remembered for his efforts to highlight the looming financial crisis that is facing our Federal entitlement programs. I strongly believe that the disintegration of bipartisan cooperation has seriously weakened the ability of this body to tackle the most difficult issues facing our Nation and has led to far too many ill feelings. Senator SIMPSON, while undoubtedly a true con-

servative, has been willing to go against the majority of his party on major issues while remaining true to himself and his constituents.

Pat and I commend Senator Alan SIMPSON for his dedicated public service over the years and wish him the very best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, a record number of our colleagues are retiring from the Senate this year. I am among those who have voluntarily decided to not return and I do so knowing how much I will miss the nearly day-to-day contact with many of the great statesmen and women our country has known.

I consider Senator MARK HATFIELD among this pantheon of accomplished public servants. While some may speak highly of Senator HATFIELD for his length of service to Oregon and the Nation as a whole, I have been most impressed by the strength of conviction he has brought to his job of U.S. Senator over the past 30 years. The fire of purpose has burned brightly and consistently within Senator HATFIELD during this time and, on so many occasions too numerous to recount here, Senator HATFIELD's voice has been the voice of the forgotten, the weak, and the disenfranchised.

The steadfast humanity and moral judgment Senator HATFIELD has displayed transcends political affiliation or partisan alignment. From what I have observed of him during my own 18 years in the Senate, I would sum up MARK HATFIELD's credo in a simple and straightforward way: Senator MARK HATFIELD has committed his energies to the betterment of all persons through the fight against the destructive forces of war, disease, ignorance and want. This raising of the human condition, this crusade against needless suffering and the ravages of mankind's self-destructive tendencies, has been MARK HATFIELD's rich legacy to the Nation and the world.

Above all else, I salute him for his unswerving dedication against heavy odds at times to his dedication to end nuclear testing, and without his steadfast leadership the treaty that was signed yesterday at the United Nations in New York would not have come to pass.

I was there, and many people came up to me and talked about this great accomplishment. To each and every one of them I said I wished Senate duties would have allowed MARK HATFIELD to be there along with myself and Senator PELL. I know he was invited.

At year's end, he will leave this institution a lion among his peers. But lest anyone be fooled, beneath the chiseled and proud visage of this lion is the true source of his strength, a compassionate heart that has kept him humble and grounded, his path straight, his words true, and his conviction undiminished.

The career of Senator MARK HATFIELD should be an inspirational model to all those who aspire to public service, for to follow in his footsteps is to embrace all that is admirable in the pursuit of elected office and service to the people.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR WILLIAM COHEN

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, the senior Senator from Maine, BILL COHEN, is among those Senators who have decided to not seek another term in service to their country. Senator COHEN and I both arrived in the Senate in January 1979 and we have served together on the Armed Services Committee ever since.

BILL COHEN's skills as a United States Senator were evident from the beginning. His mastery of detail along with his understanding of the larger implications of legislative policies has made him a universally respected oracle on a wide range of issues. His views are no more revered, perhaps, than those in the area of national defense and foreign policy. I can attest firsthand to how important Senator COHEN has been in furthering our national security interests over the past two decades. There is no aspect of our collective national security policy over this time that has not benefitted from Senator COHEN's contribution. Whether in the area of arms control or military reorganization or shipbuilding, Senator COHEN has displayed an effective ability to analyze problems and propose workable solutions that garnered bipartisan support. This is BILL COHEN's legacy to the United States Senate and the country as a whole.

He has been a renaissance man of sorts during these past 18 years: A bestselling novelist and published poet, an articulate speaker, and a gifted legislator. His departure will certainly deprive the Senate of one of its most meaningful and respected voices. I have no doubt he will continue to be as successful in his future endeavors as he has been as a United States Senator.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I rise today to salute one of our departing colleagues and Senator from the neighboring State of Kansas, of course it is our own Senator NANCY KASSEBAUM.

NANCY and I have served together in the Senate over the last 18 years. I have always admired her willingness to look beyond partisan politics and work to solve the problems at hand. She can be proud of the recently passed Health Insurance Reform Act. I have no doubts that this will be seen for a long time as a very important piece of legislation. Finally, people will be able to move from job to job without fear of losing their health insurance.

Senator KASSEBAUM can also be proud in the role she played during the reauthorization of the Higher Edu-

cation Act several years ago. Because of her efforts and those of the Labor and Human Services Committee more of America's young people can seek the higher education they need to fulfill their dreams. NANCY has also been willing to work on a very important issue to me, Impact Aid. With her help and leadership, improvements to this program were made so that the children of our military personnel have better educational opportunities.

Senator KASSEBAUM comes from an honorable Kansas Republican family. Her father Alfred Landon served as Governor and Presidential nominee. Governor Landon and the legacy he left, has been significantly enhanced by the way that his daughter has continued in his footsteps.

Kansas will be losing a great Senator, one who has served her constituents well. Pat and I wish NANCY and her family all the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HANK BROWN

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator HANK BROWN, the senior Senator from a neighboring State, Colorado, who is retiring at the end of this Congress. It seems, out there on the plains, we are dropping like flies.

HANK BROWN's service to the State of Colorado and our Nation has ranged from the U.S. Navy and a tour in Vietnam, to serving in the Colorado State Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. Senate. More importantly, however, I understand that Senator BROWN played some football while at the University of Colorado. While Nebraskans are not usually humble about football, I humbly acknowledge that the Nebraska record against Colorado from 1958 to 1961 was 1 win and 3 losses.

As the ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, I have had the privilege of working with Senator BROWN on several budget initiatives. I believe he and I share a commitment to deficit reduction and responsible Federal spending second to none. I appreciate Senator BROWN's hard work in this area and have enjoyed the opportunity to work with him on these most important issues. HANK BROWN possesses one of the keenest senses of humor in the Senate. He is a delightful individual.

I commend HANK BROWN for his hard work in the Senate and his contribution to our Nation and the State of Colorado. I wish him success in all his future endeavors.

Mr. BOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GORTON). The Senator from Missouri.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, as chairman of the Small Business Committee, I am working with Senator BUMPERS,

my ranking member. We have agreed that we should pass H.R. 3719, the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act amendments, with a substitute.

Senator BUMPERS and I have tried to accommodate all of the concerns of Members, both of the committee itself and of this body. It is vitally important, if we are going to continue to provide funding for small businesses through the SBA programs, that we move on this.

I am advised that there are still some clearances to be obtained on the other side. I serve notice on all my colleagues we are, we hope sometime later today, to proceed to unanimous consent to proceed with this measure so we can continue small business financing efforts.

I acknowledge my colleague from Pennsylvania has been waiting a long time. I will not pursue this any further. But I want all of our colleagues to know that we hope to be able to get consent to pass this bill and send it back to the House for final action, we hope by tonight, because this is vitally important.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTIONS

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to continue the deliberation here in the Senate of the issue of partial-birth abortions. We have had a discussion over the past several days in the Senate about this issue. I think it is good that we continue the debate. I have asked for a time agreement for tomorrow, and I hope we can get that, from 9 to 2 tomorrow morning and into tomorrow afternoon, and then a vote at 2 o'clock. I know that is being hot-lined right now. I do not know if there has been any objection to that. But I think 5 hours of debate is a reasonable period of time for both sides to get the opportunity to put forward their views on this issue. I think, while we have had some debate, and maybe we will even have some more debate today, I think this is such an important issue that that kind of time is necessary to really have the Senate work its will, for it to be a deliberative process and a deliberative decision based on all the information.

As I said yesterday, there is a tremendous amount of information, frankly even still coming out, about this issue and about the number of these procedures that are performed in this country. I think it is important for all Senators to realize exactly what we are voting on here and its impact, as I said yesterday, not only on what we will tolerate as a country, what lines we will draw as to what is permissible in our society, in our civilization, but what it will say about the quality of life in our country.

While I was sitting here listening to some of the remarks, I thought about what I read last night in the House debate. Member after Member got up and